

**Recommendations to EAC Board of Advisors  
With respect to EAC research and study practices**

Submitted by Special Committee on EAC Research and Studies  
**June 6, 2008**

**Topic: Distribution of Materials Produced by EAC**

**The Committee considers this a priority action item for EAC.** The committee and EAC staff recognized the need to maximize the distribution of EAC guidelines and reports to local election officials and other stakeholders. They share the concern that all such materials are not reaching the intended users. The committee suggested that a solution could be the development by EAC of a *State Distribution Plan*. The committee agreed that it would be useful for EAC to establish a working group, consisting of State Election Directors, representatives of the EAC Board of Advisors, Standards Board and political parties, and other relevant stakeholders to explore innovative ways to distribute materials and develop a draft distribution plan for EAC consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board of Advisors recommends to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) that a working group consisting of relevant stakeholders be appointed to jointly work with the State Election Directors in the development a *State Distribution Plan* for materials produced by EAC.

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**Topic: Working Groups, Peer Review and Timelines**

**GENERAL RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board of Advisors recommends to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) that all research and study projects include a working group of relevant stakeholders.

It is also recommended that for each study, EAC should determine at the outset whether or not it will conduct Peer Review of the study report and accompanying data sets.

It is further recommended that EAC consider election cycles when it develops its timelines for data collection from election officials and release of its various research and study reports.